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Microsoft is clearly a monopoly, and clearly at fault if not directly then indirectly (thru its intimidation) for BeOS and the BeIA failure in the marketplace. I'm for a decision to make Microsoft pay a penalty, not with software or with hardware (used and worthless) but with hard cash, cash as in American dollars. A fund should be set up for the billions it should pay, and that fund should immediately be used to educate the public that users of computer hardware have alternatives. Education to the users is important, and then the funds be distributed to the schools in question who have been educated they have an alternative to choose. Bottomline is this, Microsoft is a monopoly, and it has clearly abused its monopolistic position in the past 10+ years to make substandard software, which has caused billions in damages and made more than enough folks that know better about technology pull their hair out knowing such technology is being lost forever and not marketed because folks are flat out afraid of the Microsoft you folks seem to love (by giving them a settlement that is beyond comprehension, you folks at the DOJ should either be fired, or slapped around with a wet trout).

Best wishes

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